

**REMARKS**

Claims 116-118 are currently pending. Claim 118 has been allowed and claims 116-117 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first and second paragraphs.

**I. 35 U.S.C. 112, First Paragraph Rejection**

Reconsideration is requested of the rejection of claims 116-117 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. The claims have been amended to cancel the phrases "preventing" and "prevention." In view of this amendment, the rejection is moot and may properly be withdrawn.

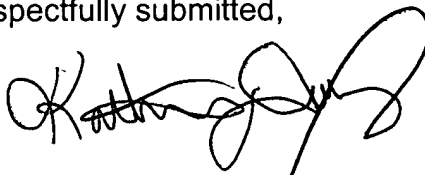
**II. 35 U.S.C. 112, Second Paragraph Rejection**

Reconsideration is requested of the rejection of claims 116-117 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The claims have been amended to cancel the phrases "preventing" and "prevention." In view of this amendment, the rejection is moot and may properly be withdrawn.

**III. Conclusion**

In light of the foregoing, Applicants request entry of the claim amendments, withdrawal of the claim rejections, and solicit an allowance of the claims. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney should any issues remain unresolved.

Respectfully submitted,



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